

CYNOSURUS ECHINATUS (POACEAE) NEW TO TEXAS

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Cynosurus echinatus L.—**TEXAS. Walker Co.:** Ebenezer Cemetery beside Hwy 30, 1 mi E of Farm Rd 2550, W of Huntsville, 30 May 1992, R.D. Thomas 129,383 (BRIT, NLU).

The species has been reported from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, and many states of the eastern United States (Kartesz 1999). It also occurs in the Pacific coast states of California, Oregon, and Washington, and in British Columbia. Its closest known locality to the Walker County, Texas, site is in Caddo Parish, Louisiana (Thomas & Allen 1993). No plants of this species were relocated in a search of the Walker County site in June 1997 (pers. comm., Guy Nesom).

Cynosurus echinatus is native to southern Europe (Tutin 1980) and Africa, and Asia (Yatskievych 1999), but it is now established in North America, South America, and Australia. It is annual in duration and a colonizer of open disturbed sites, including fields, roadsides, and railways. Among various common names are "Hedgehog Dogtail," "Rough Dog's Tail," and "Bristly Dog's Tail Grass." A photograph is posted on the internet at <<http://plants.montara.com/ListPages/FamPages/Poa3.html#cynech>>. Detailed line drawings are found at <<http://biodiversity.uno.edu/delta/grass/www/cynosuru.htm>>.

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